

TRANSLATION

Paris, 3 March 1948

Mr. J. J. Rabinovitch, General Nicolas

Dear Minister:

Please forgive me for answering so tardily to your letter requesting a list of important Rumanian refugees in France. I have been ill of influenza for several days.

You will find attached a listing of the different categories of refugees, a list of those who have had some official function, and a brief outline showing how the propaganda and information group in France functions.

The refugee list is more difficult to compile than I had realized. A great part of these refugees do not contact Rumanians here in fear that the Legation will learn their whereabouts. The Aid Committee has a list of 170 refugees which have registered. I have studied the list, but the names do not reveal anything. STĂNCESCU, secretary of the committee, has noted several names which are prominent.

As to former diplomatic personnel, among those who arrived recently, of whom you probably have no knowledge, and who have not contacted us, ~~there~~ there are the following:

Minister AURELIAN
" NORA GRIGORESCU
COUNSELLOR TH. SOLACOLU
SECRETARY OANCEA
" VARDALA
" G. BARBUL (has made contact with us)
" CIOATESCU
" EDUARD MOTAS (was in Budapest, now
in Southern France)

You know the others.

There are many who come to Paris in to proceed to other destinations. Or others who one sees here (e.g. FRANASSOVICI, CAMARASESCU, ST. AL) but who state they are only passing through, being established in Switzerland, or everywhere. I will keep you posted, directly, or through CIUREA, on new-arrivals.

As you probably know, I had a little trouble here with General R. who accused us of being "a spy for B." He was quite irritated by the fact that "that" — authorized itself to give information. My impression is that R. wants a split, that he wants to escape what he terms political party tutelage. His main occupation is to throw responsibility for the split on to "the Washington group." Followers of R. attack the political party theory, and state that there should be a new approach. R. declares that he does not want to be a prisoner of the parties, and has indirectly shown that he pursues a strictly

The political parties would be eliminated through their non-participation, or by placing them in the minority. In this way, R. invents personalities and declares that this Committee must be as large as possible. The General alone wants to conduct the committee. Those who are not in agreement have only to withdraw. The formula for this is: "I have not closed the door to anyone". However, he is the only one who can formulate rules and he will not honor any previous discussions.

We find ourselves faced with the dissolution of the parties and the introduction of a personal regime. We believe that the neo-Carlism of R. will be answered by a formation of a Party front. This will become more possible with the appearance of TITEL's representative at Paris: I. ZISSU, member of the executive committee of the Social-Democrat party. Up to now, he has not made contact with any Rumanian group. ZISSU works with a young fellow named WOLMAN, who worked for "New LEADER". I put ZISSU into contact with Aug. POPA. ZISSU and WOLMAN have made contact with French Socialist and international groups. On March 13 there will be an international socialist congress of ~~east~~ countries under Soviet rule: Hungary (PEYER, who is the L. Blum of the Maghyars); Poland (ZAREMBA); Jugoslavia (TOPALOVICI) and RUMANIA (ZISSU). This international Socialist group wants to establish a close contact with the Agrarian international.

Among other things, that which surprises us is that it seems that Brutus C. is no longer in your confidence. This is regrettable and painful. I received a letter from Dim. POPESCU in which he states that he has written begging you to avoid a break. He asks me also join him in asking you to avoid this break, and I hasten to comply. No matter how mistaken someone is, I don't believe anything irreparable has resulted as long as a man is of confidence. I am of the belief that B.C. sincerity is beyond question.

Salutations,

A. BUKILIANU (?)